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## **DECLARATION FOR THE RECORD OF DECISION**

### **Unit Name and Location**

Fire Department Hose Training Facility (904-113G)  
Savannah River Site  
Aiken, South Carolina

The Fire Department Hose Training Facility (904-113G) (FDHTF) Operable Unit is listed as a Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) 3004(u) solid waste management unit/Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) unit in Appendix C of the Federal Facility Agreement (FFA) for the Savannah River Site (SRS).

### **Statement of Basis and Purpose**

This decision document presents the selected remedial alternative for the FDHTF located at the SRS in Aiken, South Carolina. The selected alternative was developed in accordance with RCRA, CERCLA, as amended, and to the extent practicable, the National Oil and Hazardous Substances Pollution Contingency Plan. This decision is based on the Administrative Record File for this specific RCRA/CERCLA unit.

### **Description of the Selected Remedy**

The selected remedy for FDHTF is No Action. The previous soil removal activities conducted outside of CERCLA at the FDHTF have eliminated the need to perform additional remedial action. Other remedial alternatives for this unit were not considered because the Baseline Risk Assessment (BRA) showed that all of the constituents of concern (COCs) were eliminated because the risks indicated for the site were not attributed to activities performed at the FDHTF.

The risk levels developed in the BRA considered both the future residential and future industrial use scenarios. The uncertainty analysis performed in the BRA eliminated all human health and ecological COCs which meant that no remedial goal options (RGOs) were developed. There will be no post-Record of Decision documents since No Action is the preferred alternative for the FDHTF operable unit. The South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control has modified the SRS RCRA permit to incorporate No Action as the selected remedy.

### **Declaration Statement**

Based on the FDHTF RCRA Facility Investigation/Remedial Investigation (RFI/RI) Report and the Baseline Risk Assessment, no action is necessary at the FDHTF to ensure the protection of human health and the environment. Since the FDHTF poses no risk to human health and the environment, and no action is needed, the CERCLA Section 121 requirements are not applicable. The selected remedy is protective of human health and the environment, complies with Federal and State requirements that are legally applicable or relevant and appropriate to the remedial action, and is meant to be a permanent solution, final action, for the FDHTF operable unit.

Section 300.430(f)(ii) of the National Oil and Hazardous Substances Pollution Contingency Plan requires that Five-Year Review of Record of Decision be performed if hazardous substances, pollutants, or contaminants remain at the unit. The three Parties have determined that a Five-Year Review of Record of Decision for the FDHTF operable unit will not be performed. The remedial action for this unit (No Action) results in no hazardous substances, pollutants, or contaminants remaining in the soils of the FDHTF operable unit.

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#### Acronyms

BRA	Baseline Risk Assessment
CERCLA	Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act
COC	Constituent of Concern
COPC	Constituent of Potential Concern
DOE	U. S. Department of Energy
ELCR	Excess Lifetime Cancer Risk
EPA	Environmental Protection Agency
FDHTF	Fire Department Hose Training Facility (940-113G)
FFA	Federal Facility Agreement
HI	Hazard Index
HQ	Hazard Quotient
PCB	Polychlorinated Biphenyl
RCRA	Resource Conservation and Recovery Act
RfD	Reference Dose
RFI/RI	RCRA Facility Investigation/Remedial Investigation
RGO	Remedial Goal Option
RME	Reasonable Maximum Exposure
ROD	Record of Decision
SCDHEC	South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control
SCHWMR	South Carolina Hazardous Waste Management Regulations
SRS	Savannah River Site
SVOC	Semi-Volatile Organic Compounds
SWMU	Solid Waste Management Unit
TPH	Total recoverable Petroleum Hydrocarbon
USC	Unit Specific Constituents
VOC	Volatile Organic Compound
WSRC	Westinghouse Savannah River Company

## **I. SITE AND OPERABLE UNIT NAME, LOCATION, AND DESCRIPTION**

Savannah River Site (SRS) occupies approximately 800 square kilometers (310 square miles) of land adjacent to the Savannah River, principally in Aiken and Barnwell counties of South Carolina. SRS is a secured U.S. Government facility with no permanent residents. SRS is located approximately 40 kilometers (25 miles) southeast of Augusta, Georgia, and 32 kilometers (20 miles) south of Aiken, South Carolina.

SRS is owned by the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE). Management and operating services are provided by Westinghouse Savannah River Company (WSRC). SRS has historically produced tritium, plutonium, and other special nuclear materials for national defense.

The Fire Department Hose Training Facility (940-113G) (FDHTF) is located approximately 200 m (700 ft) northeast of the intersection of Roads C and 6 and approximately 6 m (20 ft) west and downgradient of a heat exchanger storage pad (Laydown Area, 745-N) (Figures 1 and 2). The FDHTF is a source control and groundwater operable unit which is included in the Fourmile Branch watershed (Figure 3). The FFA lists FDHTF as a RCRA/CERCLA unit, requiring evaluation using an investigation/assessment process that integrates and combines the RFI process with the CERCLA Remedial Investigation (RI) to determine the actual or potential impact to human health and the environment.

## **II. OPERABLE UNIT HISTORY AND COMPLIANCE HISTORY**

### **Operable Unit History**

The FDHTF was built between 1975 and March 1979 and operated by the SRS Fire Department between 1979 and 1982 to train personnel in fighting waste oil fires. The training facility consisted of an approximately 6 by 12 m (20 by 40 ft) unlined shallow pit surrounded by an approximately 0.5 m (1.5 ft) high asphalt dike. Training exercises typically included pouring burnable oil into the unit, igniting the oil, and then having the fire department extinguish the fire with water from fire hydrants located adjacent to the unit. No known hazardous wastes were placed in the unit.

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The SRS Fire Department discontinued use of the FDHTF and recommended the facility for cleanup and closure in March 1982. Available documentation indicates cleanup activities occurred on November 21, 1982 during which 14 loads of oil-contaminated soil were excavated from an area approximately 6 by 6 by 1 m (20 by 20 by 3 ft) and transported to the sanitary landfill. The date of this cleanup activity could not be verified, however, an aerial photograph from 1983 shows the FDHTF still present. An additional aerial photograph from June 1984 shows the FDHTF pit had been removed and the area excavated. The excavated area is approximately 10 to 12 m (30 to 40 ft) wide by 15 to 18 m (50 to 60 ft) long and the pit dikes and visible contaminated soils are removed. An additional area 3 to 5 m (10 to 15 ft) wide by 10 to 12 m (30 to 40 ft) long, visible on the north side of the main excavation, is either an additional remediated area, a pile of the excavated material, or material intended for backfill. The photographs indicate that either existing documentation is incorrect (11/21/82 is actually 11/21/83) or that a more extensive excavation took place between July 1983 and June 1984. Subsequent inspections during 1985 indicated that an additional area approximately 1 m by 1 m (3 by 3 ft), of visibly contaminated soil was placed here from an unknown source. This area was also excavated to a depth of approximately 0.6 m (2 ft) and the soil removed from the site in a manner similar to the 1982/84 cleanup activities.

## SRS Compliance History

At SRS, waste materials regulated under RCRA are managed in accordance with the requirements of RCRA. Certain SRS activities have required treatment, storage, disposal or post-closure permits under RCRA. Non-regulated units, called solid waste management units (SWMU), include any activity where hazardous constituents may remain uncontrolled and may potentially release to the environment. Investigation and potential corrective action for these SWMU(s) are mandated under RCRA 3004(u). On September 5, 1995, SRS received a hazardous waste permit from SCDHEC which includes corrective action requirements. Specifically, part V of the permit mandates that SRS establish and implement a RCRA Facility Investigation (RFI) Program to fulfill the requirements specified in Section 3004(u) of RCRA.

Hazardous substance, as defined by CERCLA, are also present in the environment at the SRS. On December 21, 1989, SRS was included on the National Priorities List. This inclusion created a need to integrate the established RFI Program with CERCLA requirements to provide for a focused environmental program. In accordance with Section 120 of CERCLA, DOE has negotiated a Federal Facility Agreement (FFA, 1993) with the EPA and SCDHEC to coordinate remedial activities at SRS into one comprehensive strategy which fulfills these dual regulatory requirements.

The RFI/RI/BRA for the Fire Department Hose Training Facility (904-113G) was completed in 1997. The results of this report indicate that there is no impact (or potential impact) to human health or the environment from the FDHTF. The previous soil removal activities at the FDHTF have eliminated the need to perform additional remedial action. Therefore, No Action is warranted. No other alternatives were considered.

According to EPA guidance, if there is no current or potential threat to human health and the environment and No Action is warranted, the CERCLA 121 requirements are not triggered. This means that there is no need to evaluate other alternatives or the No Action alternative against the nine criteria specified under CERCLA.

The remedy selected satisfies both the CERCLA and RCRA 3004(u) requirements. The SCDHEC has modified the SRS RCRA permit to incorporate the selected remedy.

### **III. HIGHLIGHTS OF COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION**

Both RCRA and CERCLA require that the public be given an opportunity to review and comment on the draft permit modification and proposed remedial alternative. Public participation requirements are listed in South Carolina Hazardous Waste Management Regulation (SCHWMMR) R.61-79.124 and Sections 113 and 117 of CERCLA. These requirements include establishment of an Administrative Record File that documents the investigation and selection of the remedial alternatives for addressing the FDHTF soils and groundwater. The Administrative Record File must be established at or near the facility at issue. The SRS Public Involvement Plan (DOE, 1994) is designed to facilitate public involvement in the decision-making process for permitting, closure, and the selection of remedial alternatives. The SRS Public Involvement Plan addresses the requirements of RCRA, CERCLA, and the National Environmental Policy Act. SCHWMMR R.61-79.124 and Section 117(a) of CERCLA, as amended, required the advertisement of the draft permit modification and notice of any proposed remedial action and provided the public an opportunity to participate in the selection of the remedial action. The Statement of Basis/Proposed Plan for the Fire Department Hose Training Facility (940-113G) (WSRC, 1997b), which is part of the Administrative Record File, highlights key aspects of the investigation and identifies the preferred action for addressing the FDHTF.

The FFA Administrative Record File, which contains the information pertaining to the selection of the response action, is available at the EPA office and at the following locations:

U. S. Department of Energy  
Public Reading Room  
Gregg-Graniteville Library  
University of South Carolina-Aiken  
171 University Parkway  
Aiken, South Carolina 29801  
(803) 641-3465

Asa H. Gordon Library  
Savannah State University  
Tompkins Road  
Savannah, Georgia 31404  
(912) 356-2183

Thomas Cooper Library  
Government Documents Department  
University of South Carolina  
Columbia, South Carolina 29208  
(803) 777-4866

Reese Library  
Augusta State University  
2500 Walton Way  
Augusta, Georgia 30910  
(706) 737-1744

The public was notified of the public comment period through mailings of the SRS Environmental Bulletin, a newsletter sent to approximately 3500 citizens in South Carolina and Georgia, through notices in the Aiken Standard, the Allendale Citizen Leader, the Augusta Chronicle, the Barnwell People-Sentinel, and The State newspapers. The public comment period was also announced on local radio stations.

The 45-day public comment period for the SB/PP and the draft RCRA permit modification began on December 10, 1997 and ended on January 23, 1998. No comments from the public were received during this period. Therefore, a Responsiveness Summary will not be required as part of Appendix A of this Record of Decision.

#### **IV. SCOPE AND ROLE OF OPERABLE UNIT WITHIN THE SITE STRATEGY**

The overall strategy for addressing the FDHTF was to: (1) characterize the waste unit by delineating the nature and extent of contamination and identifying the media of concern (perform the RFI/RI); (2) perform a baseline risk assessment to evaluate media of concern, COCs, exposure pathways, and characterize potential risks; and (3) evaluate and perform a final action to remediate, as needed, the identified media of concern.

The FDHTF is a source control and groundwater operable unit which is included in the Fourmile Branch watershed. There are no surface waters present near the unit, but a small wet weather conveyance northwest of the unit runs in a northerly direction. An unnamed tributary of Fourmile Branch is located approximately 460 m (1,500 ft) to the north, northeast of the FDHTF.

The SRS has recently concluded a surface and subsurface soil investigation at the FDHTF. Based upon preliminary characterization results, SCDHEC and EPA concurred with DOE's proposal to separate the operable unit into two operable units (i.e., the Ford Building Waste Site and the Fire Department Hose Training Facility). SCDHEC and EPA also agreed that the investigation at the FDHTF adequately characterized contamination within that unit and along potential migration pathways. This ROD will propose a final remedial action for the operable unit at the FDHTF.

#### **V. SUMMARY OF OPERABLE UNIT CHARACTERISTICS**

##### **Media Assessment**

The soil and groundwater sampling activities conducted in 1996 at the FDHTF and background locations (Figure 4) provided data on the types and extent of constituents present and supplemented soil gas surveys conducted in 1986 and 1992. The primary source of contamination at the FDHTF would be the soil impacted by oils and associated fuels burned at the facility.

This soil was removed during 1982/84 cleanup activities.

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A Conceptual Site Model was prepared which shows the potential human health and ecological receptors and exposure pathways to assist in determining what samples were needed during characterization. This Conceptual Site Model is shown in Figure 5.

During the 1996 site characterization the surface soil was sampled from 0 to 0.3 m (0 to 1 ft) and subsurface soil in the interval from 0 to 1.2 m (0 to 4 ft) at 5 locations in the FDHTF. Samples received analysis for a full analytical suite: metals/inorganics, volatile organic compounds (VOCs), semi-volatile organic compounds (SVOCs), and pesticides/polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs)/dioxins and furans. Past records and activities did not indicate that radionuclides had ever been disposed of at the FDHTF, so samples were only tested for radionuclide indicators and were not speciated. Manganese and two SVOCs, benzo(a)pyrene and benzo(g,h,i)perylene, were identified as unit specific constituents (USCs) in the surface soil (0-1 ft). No VOCs, pesticides, PCBs, dioxins, furans or radionuclides were identified as USCs for surface soils (0-1').

Eight metals were identified as USCs in the subsurface soil (0-4 ft): aluminum, arsenic, beryllium, chromium, iron, manganese, sodium, and vanadium. Two SVOCs, benzo(a)pyrene and benzo(g,h,i)perylene, were identified as USCs in the subsurface soil. The SVOCs were not detected deeper than 0.3 m (1.0 ft). No VOCs, pesticides, PCBs, dioxins, furans or radionuclides were identified as USCs for subsurface soils.

Seven metals were identified as USCs in the deep soil (1.2 to 4.0 m [4 to 13 ft]): aluminum, arsenic, beryllium, chromium, iron, sodium, and vanadium. No VOCs, SVOCs, pesticides, PCBs, dioxins, furans or radionuclides were identified as USCs for the deep soils at FDHTF. Tables 1 through 4 summarize the contaminants found in the background, 0-1 ft deep, 0-4 ft deep, and > 4 ft deep soil samples.

The historical groundwater monitoring data has resulted in an analytical suite refined to aluminum and total recoverable petroleum hydrocarbons (TPH). No TPHs have been detected during the periodic monitoring program, so groundwater sampling was not conducted in the 1996 investigation.

The groundwater migration pathway evaluation determined that no constituents are present in the soil in quantities sufficient to migrate through the soil to cause concentrations above acceptable levels. Previous groundwater monitoring data do not indicate that the groundwater has been impacted by the FDHTF or any other source of contaminants. The constituents present in the soil of the FDHTF at concentrations above two times their average background concentration were screened against EPA generic soil screening levels using a dilution attenuation factor (DAF) of 20 to identify those which would require vadose zone transport modeling. The use of the generic DAF of 20 is based on the unit source being less than 0.5 acres and the fact that the groundwater is not near the surface (i.e., depth to groundwater is approximately 50 feet). No constituent is present in the FDHTF soil at an average concentration exceeding its generic screening level with a DAF of 20.

The results of the FDHTF characterization study are summarized in Tables 1 through 4. Table 1 lists the data for the background soil samples. Tables 2 through 4 contain the data for the 0 to 1 ft, 0 to 4 ft, and greater than 4 ft deep soil intervals, respectively.

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**Table 1. Unit Specific Background Soil Concentrations at the Fire Department  
Hose Training Facility**

Analyte (Units)	Surface Bkgd (0-1 ft) Bkgd	2X Surface	Subsurface Bkgd (0-4 ft)	2X Subsurface Bkgd	Deep Soil Bkgd (>4 ft)	2X Deep Bkgd
Metals/Inorganics (mg/kg)						
Aluminum	6300	12600	5890	11800	4700	9400
Antimony	0.663	1.33	0.579	1.16	0.801	1.6
Arsenic	3.26	6.52	2.87	5.74	3.52	7.04
Barium	12.9	25.8	13.3	26.6	5.73	11.5
Beryllium	0.103	0.206	0.0972	0.194	0.0754	0.151
Cadmium	0.27	0.54	0.307	0.614	0.64	1.28
Calcium	155	310	152	304	88.4	177
Chromium	14.2	28.4	12.5	25	15.9	31.8
Cobalt	0.512	1.02	0.49	0.98	0.232	0.464
Copper	11.2	22.4	6.95	13.9	4.15	8.3
Cyanide	0.16	0.32	0.183	0.366	0.181	0.362
Iron	11200	22400	10500	21000	18200	36400
Lead	7.68	15.4	6.04	12.1	6.38	12.8
Magnesium	78.7	157	79.4	159	74.3	149
Manganese	21.7	43.4	19.7	39.4	2.42	4.84
Mercury	0.0435	0.087	0.0412	0.0824	0.035	0.07
Nickel	1.94	3.88	1.66	3.32	0.844	1.69
Potassium	71	142	69.1	138	48.1	96.2
Selenium	ND	ND	0.489	0.978	1.74	3.48
Sodium	35.2	70.4	29.8	59.6	29.9	59.8
Vanadium	30.4	60.8	27.2	54.4	67.7	135
Zinc	6.28	12.6	4.52	9.04	2.17	4.34
SVOCS (Ig/kg)						
Di-n-octyl phthalate	ND	ND	ND	ND	229	458
Phenol	ND	ND	ND	ND	44.9	89.8

\* The background concentration is the mean of all results above the detection limit for samples from stations FBFDB-01, FBFDB-02, FBFDB-03, FDFDB-04 and FBFDB-05. "ND" indicates that the analyte was not detected in any background samples in that depth interval.

**Table 1. Unit Specific Background Soil Concentrations at the Fire Department Hose Training Facility (Continued)**

Analyte (Units)	Surface Bkgd (0-1 ft) Bkgd	2X Surface	Subsurface Bkgd (0-4 ft)	2X Subsurface Bkgd	Deep Soil Bkgd (>4 ft)	2X Deep Bkgd
Radionuclides (pCi/g)						
Actinium-228	1.07	2.14	1.14	2.28	1.28	2.56
Americium-241	0.865	1.73	0.795	1.59	0.842	1.68
Antimony-124	0.06	0.12	0.06	0.12	ND	ND
Antimony-125	ND	ND	ND	ND	0.15	0.3
Barium-133	ND	ND	ND	ND	0.07	0.14
Cesium-134	ND	ND	ND	ND	0.06	0.12
Cesium-137	0.175	0.35	0.175	0.35	ND	ND
Cobalt-60	ND	ND	0.06	0.12	ND	ND
Europium-152	0.33	0.66	0.34	0.68	0.302	0.604
Europium-155	0.263	0.526	0.377	0.754	0.253	0.506
Gross Alpha	14.7	29.4	16.7	33.4	18.1	36.2
Iodine-129	5.05	10.1	5.05	10.1	ND	ND
Lead-212	1.47	2.94	1.48	2.96	1.55	3.1
Manganese-54	ND	ND	ND	ND	0.06	0.12
Neptunium-239	ND	ND	ND	ND	0.87	1.74
Non-volatile Beta	14.6	29.2	13.7	27.4	16.9	33.8
Plutonium-238	0.32	0.64	0.23	0.46	0.295	0.59
Potassium-40	1.16	2.32	1.26	2.52	1.65	3.3
Promethium-146	ND	ND	ND	ND	0.05	0.1
Promethium-147	ND	ND	ND	ND	1.12	2.24
Radium-226	0.22	0.44	0.273	0.546	0.257	0.514
Radium-228	1.69	3.38	1.36	2.72	2.83	5.66
Ruthenium-106	ND	ND	ND	ND	2.1	4.2
Strontium-90	ND	ND	0.47	0.94	0.78	1.56
Technetium-99	0.215	0.43	0.148	0.296	0.176	0.352
Thorium-228	1.44	2.88	1.37	2.74	1.56	3.12
Thorium-232	0.967	1.93	1.08	2.16	1.45	2.9
Thorium-234	1.49	2.98	1.35	2.7	1.63	3.26
Tin-113	ND	ND	ND	ND	0.08	0.16
Uranium-235	ND	ND	0.13	0.26	0.14	0.28
Yurium-88	ND	ND	0.05	0.1	ND	ND
Zinc-65	ND	ND	ND	ND	0.08	0.16

\* The background concentration is the mean of all results above the detection limit for samples from stations FBFDB-01, FBFDB-02, FBFDB-03, FDFDB-04 and FBFDB-05. "ND" indicates that the analyte was not detected in any background samples in that depth interval.

Table 2. Summary statistics for Analytes Detected in Soil from 0 to 1 ft  
Deep from the Fire Department Hose Training Facility

Analyte (Units)	Freq. of Detection	Minimum Detected	Mean Result	Maximum Detected	Human Health Criteria Source	Human Health Criteria	>Human Health Criteria	2X Bkgd	Maximum Detect > 2X Bkgd	Unit Specific Contaminant
Metals/Inorganics (mg/kg)										
Aluminum	5 / 5	1670	3690	5110	RBC*0.1	7800		12600		
Antimony	1 / 5	0.556	1.58	0.556	RBC*0.1	3.1		1.33		
Arsenic	4 / 5	1.2	3.01	3.7	RBC	0.43	YES	6.52		
Barium	5 / 5	9	13.5	19.4	RBC*0.1	550		25.8		
Beryllium	3 / 5	0.0558	0.0719	0.107	RBC	0.15		0.206		
Cadmium	3 / 5	0.051	0.0847	0.119	RBC*0.1	3.9		0.54		
Calcium	5 / 5	78.8	156	302	RDA	1000000		310		
Chromium	5 / 5	2.5	9.02	15	RBC*0.1	39		28.4		
Cobalt	5 / 5	0.405	0.61	0.822	RBC*0.1	470		1.02		
Copper	4 / 5	4.3	4.12	5.2	RBC*0.1	310		22.4		
Cyanide	1 / 5	0.091	0.338	0.091	RBC*0.1	160		0.32		
Iron	5 / 5	1480	6820	11100	RBC*0.1	2300	YES	22400		
Lead	5 / 5	4.7	9.58	12.9	RBC*0.1	40		15.4		
Magnesium	5 / 5	41.9	72	93.6	RDA	1000000		157		
Manganese	5 / 5	28	37.1	65.3	RBC*0.1	39	YES	43.4	YES	YES
Mercury	1 / 5	0.03	0.0607	0.03	RBC*0.1	0.78		0.087		
Nickle	5 / 5	0.74	1.73	3.3	RBC*0.1	160		3.88		
Potassium	5 / 5	54.8	74.3	90.3	RDA	393273		142		
Silver	3 / 5	0.267	0.715	1.9	RBC*0.1	39		ND	YES	
Sodium	5 / 5	33.5	54.9	69.1		NA	YES	70.4		
Vanadium	5 / 5	3.6	17	29.9	RBC*0.1	55		60.8		
Zinc	5 / 5	2.5	10.7	22.8	RBC*0.1	2300		12.6	YES	

Table 2. Summary Statistics for Analytes Detected in Soil from 0 to 1 ft Deep from the Fire Department Hose Training Facility (Continued)

Analyte (Units)	Freq. of Detection	Minimum Detected	Mean Result	Maximum Detected	Human Health Criteria Source	Human Health Criteria	>Human Health Criteria	2X Bkgd	Maximum Detect > 2X Bkgd	Unit Specific Contaminant
SVOCs (Ig/kg)										
Benzo(a)anthracene	1 / 5	94.6	296	94.6	RBC	880		ND	YES	
Benzo(a)pyrene	1 / 5	144	306	144	RBC	88	YES	ND	YES	YES
Benzo(b)flouranthene	1 / 5	317	340	317	RBC	880		ND	YES	
Benzo(g,h,i,)perylene	1 / 5	121	301	121		NA	YES	ND	YES	YES
Benzo(k)flouranthene	1 / 5	219	321	219	RBC	8800		ND	YES	
Benzoic acid	1 / 5	60.3	1390	60.3	RBC*0.1	31000000		ND	YES	
Bis(2-ethylhexyl) phthalate	1 / 5	465	233	465	RBC	46000		ND	YES	
Chrysene	1 / 5	180	313	180	RBC	88000		ND	YES	
Flouranthene	1 / 5	112	299	112	RBC*0.1	310000		ND	YES	
Indeno(1,2,3- c,d)pyrene	1 / 5	125	302	125	RBC	880		ND	YES	
Pyrene VOCs (Ig/kg)	1 / 5	99.8	297	99.8	RBC*0.1	230000		ND	YES	
Dichloromethane (methylene chloride)	1 / 5	6.84	4.7	6.84	RBC	85000		ND	YES	
Toluene	1 / 5	2.36	2.57	2.36	RBC*0.1	1600000		ND	YES	

1 Mean includes all results with no detects set to one half the sample quantitation limit except for radionuclides which were included at the full reported value.  
ND indicates an analyte that was not detected in the background samples for this depth class.  
NA indicates an analyte that does not have a human health screening criteria.

Table 3. Summary Statistics for Analytes Detected in Soil from 0 to 4 ft Deep from the Fire Department Hose Training Facility

Analyte (Units)	Freq. of Detection	Minimum Detected	Mean Result	Maximum Detected	Human Health Criteria Source	Human Health Criteria	>Human Health Criteria	2X Bkgd	Maximum Detect > 2X Bkgd	Unit Specific Contaminant
Metals/Inorganics mg/kg)										
Aluminum	10 / 10	1670	5730	12500	RBC*0.1	7800	YES	11800	YES	YES
Antimony	3 / 10	0.549	1.56	1.4	RBC*0.1	3.1		1.16	YES	
Arsenic	9 / 10	1.2	3.4	7.3	RBC	0.43	YES	5.74	YES	YES
Barium	10 / 10	9	19.5	41	RBC*0.1	550		26.6	YES	
Beryllium	8 / 10	0.0558	0.104	0.201	RBC	0.15	YES	0.194	YES	YES
Cadium	7 / 10	0.051	0.165	0.638	RBC*0.1	3.9		0.614	YES	
Calcium	10 / 10	78.1	247	735	RDA	1000000		304	YES	
Chromium	10 / 10	2.5	14.3	45.8	RBC*0.1	39	YES	25	YES	YES
Cobalt	10 / 10	0.405	0.699	1	RBC*0.1	470		0.98	YES	
Copper	7 / 10	4.3	4.25	8.1	RBC*0.1	310		13.9		
Cyanide	2 / 10	0.091	0.365	0.115	RBC*0.1	160		0.366		
Iron	10 / 10	1480	12600	44000	RBC*0.1	2300	YES	21000	YES	YES
Lead	10 / 10	3.8	8.07	12.9	RBC*0.1	40		12.1	YES	
Magnesium	10 / 10	41.9	117	248	RDA	1000000		159	YES	
Manganese	10 / 10	8	31.2	65.3	RBC*0.1	39	YES	39.4	YES	YES
Mercury	3 / 10	0.02	0.0594	0.052	RBC*0.1	0.78		0.0824		
Nickel	10 / 10	0.74	1.98	3.6	RBC*0.1	160		3.32	YES	
Potassium	10 / 10	54.8	109	224	RDA	393273		138	YES	
Selenium	1 / 10	2.1	5.28	2.1	RBC*0.1	39		0.978	YES	
Silver	4 / 10	0.11	0.583	1.9	RBC*0.1	39		ND	YES	
Sodium	10 / 10	25.9	58.8	89.8		NA	YES	59.6	YES	YES
Vanadium	10 / 10	3.6	27.9	84.6	RBC*0.1	55	YES	54.4	YES	YES
Zinc	10 / 10	2.5	7.35	22.8	RBC*0.1	2300		9.04	YES	

Table 3. Summary Statistics for Analytes Detected in Soil from 0 to 4 ft Deep from the Fire Department Hose Training Facility (Continued)

Analyte (Units)	Freq. of Detection	Minimum Detected	Average Result	Maximum Detected	Human Health Criteria Source	Human Health Criteria	>Human Health Criteria	2X Bkgd	Maximum Detect > 2X Bkgd	Unit Specific Contaminant
SVOCs (Ig/kg)										
Benzo(a)anthracene	1 / 10	94.6	246	94.6	RBC	880		ND	YES	
Benzo(a)pyrene	1 / 10	144	251	144	RBC	88	YES	ND	YES	YES
Benzo(b)flouranthene	1 / 10	317	268	317	RBC	880		ND	YES	
Benzo(g,h,i)perylene	1 / 10	121	249	121		NA	YES	ND	YES	YES
Benzo(k)flouranthene	1 / 10	219	259	219	RBC	8800		ND	YES	
Benzoic Acid	1 / 10	60.3	1190	60.3	RBC*0.1	31000000		ND	YES	
Bis(2-ethylhexyl) phthalate	2 / 10	386	233	465	RBC	46000		ND	YES	
Chrysene	1 / 10	180	255	180	RBC	88000		ND	YES	
Di-n-butyl phthalate	1 / 10	194	234	194	RBC*0.1	780000		ND	YES	
Di-n-octyl phthalate	2 / 10	39.9	252	335	RBC*0.1	160000		ND	YES	
Flouranthene	1 / 10	112	248	112	RBC*0.1	310000		ND	YES	
Indeno(1,2,3-c,d) pyrene	1 / 10	125	249	125	RBC	880		ND	YES	
Pyrene VOCs (Ig/kg)	2 / 10	90.2	235	99.8	RBC*0.1	230000		ND	YES	
Dichloromethane (methylene chloride)	2 / 10	6.84	5.47	9.55	RBC	85000		ND	YES	
Toluene	1 / 10	2.36	2.79	2.36	RBC*0.1	1600000		ND	YES	

1 Mean includes all results with nondetects set to one half the sample quantitation limit except for radionuclides which were included at the full reported value.  
ND indicates an analyte that was not detected in the background for this depth class.  
NA indicates an analyte that does not have a human health screening criteria.

**Table 4. Summary Statistics for Analytes Detected in Soil Samples from > 4 ft  
Deep from the Fire Department Hose Training Facility**

Analyte (Units)	Freq. of Detection	Minimum Detected	Average Result	Maximum Detected	Human Health Criteria Source	Human Health Criteria	>Human Health Criteria	2X Background	Maximum Detect >2X Bkgd	Unit Specific Contaminant
Metals/Inorganics (mg/kg)										
Aluminum	15/15	2960	7170	12600	RBC*0.1	7800	YES	9400	YES	YES
Antimony	9/15	0.482	1.31	1.9	RBC*0.1	3.1		1.6	YES	
Arsenic	12/15	1.4	5.06	11.1	RBC	0.43	YES	7.04	YES	YES
Barium	15/15	2.4	7.67	26.9	RBC*0.1	550		11.5	YES	
Beryllium	11/15	0.0695	0.12	0.201	RBC	0.15	YES	0.151	YES	YES
Cadmium	14/15	0.169	0.455	0.938	RBC*0.1	3.9		1.28		
Calcium	15/15	44.1	188	1190	RDA	1000000		177	YES	
Chromium	15/15	4.9	22.9	59.4	RBC*0.1	39	YES	31.8	YES	YES
Cobalt	11/15	0.163	0.365	0.538	RBC*0.1	470		0.464	YES	
Copper	15/15	3.4	6.59	13	RBC*0.1	310		8.3	YES	
Cyanide	4/15	0.104	0.387	0.306	RBC*0.1	160		0.362		
Iron	15/15	10200	33400	76200	RBC*0.1	2300	YES	36400	YES	YES
Lead	15/15	6.4	11.9	24.6	RBC*0.1	40		12.8	YES	
Magnesium	15/15	44.8	142	574	RDA	1000000		149	YES	
Manganese	15/15	1.2	11.8	32.8	RBC*0.1	39		4.84	YES	
Mercury	2/15	0.02	0.0717	0.03	RBC*0.1	0.78		0.07		
Nickel	15/15	0.27	1.17	2.9	RBC*0.1	160		1.69	YES	
Potassium	15/15	39.8	98.8	198	RDA	393273		96.2	YES	
Selenium	8/15	1.4	4.32	5.5	RBC*0.1	39		3.48	YES	
Sodium	15/15	27.5	65.5	86.8		NA	YES	59.8	YES	YES
Vanadium	15/15	28.4	80.3	166	RBC*0.1	55	YES	135	YES	YES
Zinc	9/15	2.2	6.15	5.2	RBC*0.1	2300		4.34	YES	

Table 4. Summary Statistics for Analytes Detected in Soil Samples from >4 ft Deep from the Fire Department Hose Training Facility (Continued)										
Analyte (Units)	Freq. of Detection	Minimum Detected	Average Result	Maximum Detected	Human Health Criteria Source	Human Health Criteria	>Human Health Criteria	2X Background	Maximum Detect >2X Bkgd	Unit Specific Contaminant
SVOCs (Ig/kg)										
Benzoic acid	4/15	44.6	756	84.7	RBC*0.1	31000000		ND	YES	
Bis(2-ethylhexyl) phthalate	3/15	63.5	178	110	RBC	46000		ND	YES	
Di-n-octyl phthalate	8/15	69	234	462	RBC*0.1	160000		458	YES	
VOCs (Ig/kg)										
Acetone	1/15	17.5	6.91	17.5	RBC*0.1	780000		ND	YES	
Dichloromethane (methylene chloride)	3/15	10.5	5.79	13.2	RBC	85000		ND	YES	

1 Mean includes all results with nondetects set to one half the sample quantitation limit except for radionuclides which were included at the full reported value.  
 ND indicates an analyte that was not detected in the background sample for this depth class.  
 NA indicates an analyte that does not have a human health screening criteria.

## VI. SUMMARY OF OPERABLE UNIT RISKS

As a component of the remedial investigation process, a baseline risk assessment was prepared for the FDHTF. The baseline risk assessment consists of human health and ecological risk assessments. Summary information for the human health and ecological risk assessments follows.

### HUMAN HEALTH RISK ASSESSMENT

The human health risk assessment characterizes both the potential risk from exposure to carcinogenic substances and adverse health effects from noncarcinogens to human receptors exposed to unit-related constituents under current and future land use conditions (Figure 6). Figure 6 indicates the future land use for N-Area (Central Shops) as recommended by the Citizens Advisory Board which was based on current nuclear industrial areas with a buffer. The risks listed in this section were derived from the BRA (WSRC, 1997a) which used the data obtained from the RF/RI characterization.

The BRA designates the Constituents of Potential Concern (COPCs) based on a conservative screen against background concentrations and the relative potential of the chemicals to cause toxic or carcinogenic effects. Constituents which have concentrations in soil which produce a threshold risk less than the risk-based concentration levels are screened from further analysis. Threshold risk is defined as constituent concentrations that exceed either a cancer risk of  $1 \times 10^{-6}$  or a hazard quotient (HQ) of 1. An HQ of 0.1 was actually used for screening within the BRA to account for potential additive effects for noncarcinogenic constituents. Three land use assumptions were made to describe the human receptors that may be exposed to unit-related constituents. Potential receptors are expected to differ for the current and future land use scenarios. The possible receptor under the current land use scenario includes the known on-unit worker. The possible receptors under the future land use scenario include the on-unit industrial worker and the on-unit resident (adult and child).

Based on the results of the risk assessment, COPCs that contribute significantly to a pathway having a significant human cancer risk or human noncarcinogenic hazard or are determined to pose unacceptable ecological risk are designated as preliminary constituents of concern (COCs). The preliminary COCs are further defined as either primary or secondary COCs.

Final COCs are developed through an uncertainty analysis to inform decision-makers about the relative significance of the preliminary COCs, and to help focus on risk decisions.

Preliminary Human Health primary COCs are constituents in a total exposure pathway (media/receptor/route) with a cumulative noncancer hazard greater than 3 or a cumulative ELCR greater than  $1 \times 10^{-4}$ . Primary COCs have a constituent-specific noncancer hazard greater than or equal to 0.1 or a cancer risk greater than  $1 \times 10^{-6}$ .

Preliminary Human Health secondary COCs are chemicals in a total exposure pathway (media/receptor/route) with a cumulative noncancer hazard between 1 and 3 or a cumulative Excess Lifetime Cancer Risk (ELCR) between  $1 \times 10^{-6}$  and  $1 \times 10^{-4}$ . Secondary COCs have a constituent-specific noncancer hazard greater than or equal to 0.1 or a cancer risk greater than or equal to  $1 \times 10^{-6}$ .

Carcinogenic risks are estimated as the incremental probability of an individual developing cancer over a lifetime as a result of pathway-specific exposure to cancer-causing contaminants. The risk to an individual resulting from exposure to non-radioactive chemical carcinogens is expressed as the increased probability of cancer occurring over the course of a 70 year lifetime. Cancer risks are related to the EPA target risk range of one in ten thousand

( $1 \times 10^{-4}$ ) to one in one million ( $1 \times 10^{-6}$ ) for incremental cancer risk at National Priorities List sites. Risk levels greater than  $1 \times 10^{-6}$  require a risk management decision where specific actions to reduce risk may be considered while cancer risk levels below  $1 \times 10^{-6}$  are considered to be insignificant.

Non-carcinogenic effects are also evaluated to identify a level at which there may be concern for potential non-carcinogenic health effects. The hazard quotient, which is the ratio of the exposure dose to the reference dose (RfD), is calculated for each contaminant. Hazard quotients are summed for each exposure pathway to determine the specific hazard index (HI) for each exposure scenario. If the HI exceeds unity (1.0), the potential exists that adverse health effects might occur.

The following sections discuss the excess lifetime cancer risk (ELCR) and combined HI values that were determined in the BRA for current workers, future industrial workers, and the future residential child/adult. Figure 7 shows these values graphically. Tables 5 through 8

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Table 5. RME Risk Characterization Summary: FDHTF Surface Soil (0 to 1 foot)

Medium	Exposure Route	Current		Future			
		Noncancer	HI Cancer Risk	Noncancer	HI Cancer Risk		
		On-Unit Worker	On-Unit Worker	Industrial Resident	Industrial Worker	Industrial Resident	Industrial Worker
Soil	Ingestion	3E-05	9E-10	3E-02	1E-03	2E-06	2E-07
	Dermal/External	4E-05	3E-09	3E-03	1E-03	1E-06	7E-07
	Inhalation	4E-06	3E-14	8E-04	2E-04	2E-11	7E-12
Leafy Vegetables	Ingestion	NA	NA	1E-01	NA	3E-12	NA
Tuberous Vegetables	Ingestion	NA	NA	2E-01	NA	1E-05	NA
Fruits	Ingestion	NA	NA	2E-01	NA	6E-13	NA
Combined Hazard Index:		7E-05		5E-01	3E-03		
Combined Cancer Risk:			4E-09			1E-05	9E-07

NA - pathway not evaluated

Note: Risks are not attributable to unit related COCs.

**Table 6. RME Risk Characterization Summary: FDHTF Surface Soil (0 to 4 foot)**

Medium	Exposure Route	Current		Future			
		Noncancer HI	Cancer Risk	Noncancer HI	Cancer Risk		
		On-Unit	On-Unit	Industrial	Industrial		
		Worker	Worker	Resident	Worker	Resident	Worker
Soil	Ingestion	NA	NA	2E+00	9E-02	2E-05	2E-06
	Dermal/External	NA	NA	2E-01	9E-02	5E-06	2E-06
	Inhalation	NA	NA	8E-04	2E-04	7E-08	3E-08
Leafy Vegetables	Ingestion	NA	NA	3E-01	NA	1E-05	NA
Tuberous Vegetables	Ingestion	NA	NA	4E-01	NA	2E-05	NA
Fruits	Ingestion	NA	NA	6E-01	NA	2E-05	NA
Combined Hazard Index:		0E+00		4E+00	2E-01		
Combined Cancer Risk:			0E+08			8E-05	4E-06

NA - pathway not evaluated

0E+00 - pathway evaluated but no risks could be calculated due to lack of EPA-approved toxicity values

Note: Risks are not attributable to unit related COCs.

**Table 7. RME Risk Characterization Summary: FDHTF Background Surface Soil (0 to 1 foot)**

Medium	Exposure Route	Current		Future			
		Noncancer	Cancer Risk	Noncancer	Cancer Risk		
		On-Unit	On-Unit	Industrial	Industrial		
		Worker	Worker	Resident	Worker	Resident	Worker
Soil	Ingestion	3E-05	9E-10	1E+00	5E-02	2E-05	2E-06
	Dermal/External	4E-05	3E-09	1E-01	5E-02	4E-06	2E-06
	Inhalation	4E-06	3E-14	7E-04	1E-04	1E-08	5E-09
Leafy Vegetables	Ingestion	NA	NA	3E-01	NA	1E-05	NA
Tuberous Vegetables	Ingestion	NA	NA	3E-01	NA	1E-05	NA
Fruits	Ingestion	NA	NA	4E-01	NA	3E-05	NA
Combined Hazard Index:		7E-05		2E+00	1E-01		
Combined Cancer Risk:			4E-09			7E-05	4E-06

NA - pathway not evaluated

Note: Risks are not attributable to unit related COCs.

**Table 8. RME Risk Characterization Summary: FDHTF Background Surface Soil (0 to 4 foot)**

Medium	Exposure Route	Current		Future			
		Noncancer HI	Cancer Risk	Noncancer HI	Cancer Risk		
		On-Unit	On-Unit	Industrial	Industrial		
		Worker	Worker	Resident	Worker	Resident	Worker
Soil	Ingestion	NA	NA	1E+00	5E-02	1E-05	1E-06
	Dermal/External	NA	NA	1E-01	5E-02	3E-06	2E-06
	Inhalation	NA	NA	7E-04	1E-04	1E-08	4E-09
Leafy Vegetables	Ingestion	NA	NA	2E-01	NA	1E-05	NA
Tuberous Vegetables	Ingestion	NA	NA	3E-01	NA	8E-06	NA
Fruits	Ingestion	NA	NA	4E-01	NA	2E-05	NA
Combined Hazard Index:		0E+00		2E+00	1E-01		
Combined Cancer Risk:			0E+00			5E-05	3E-06

NA - pathway not evaluated

0E+00 - pathway evaluated but no risks could be calculated due to lack of EPA-approved toxicity values

Note: Risks are not attributable to unit related COCs.

**Table 9. Health-Based COCs for Soil and Produce Fire Department Hose Training Facility**

Media	0 -1 ft Soil Interval	0-4 ft Soil Interval
Soil	ELCR	Risk/Hazard
Current On-Unit Worker	--	--
Hypothetical Industrial Worker	--	Arsenic (ELCR = $2 \times 10^{-6}$ ) Beryllium (ELCR = $1 \times 10^{-6}$ )
Hypothetical On-Unit Resident	--	Arsenic (HQ = 0.3) Arsenic (ELCR = $1 \times 10^{-5}$ ) Beryllium (ELCR = $3 \times 10^{-6}$ )
	--	Iron (HQ = 2)
	--	Vanadium (HQ = 0.3)
	Benzo(a)pyrene (ELCR = $3 \times 10^{-6}$ )	Benzo(a)pyrene (ELCR = $2 \times 10^{-6}$ )
Produce		
Hypothetical Resident	Benzo(a)pyrene (ELCR = $1 \times 10^{-5}$ )	Arsenic (ELCR = $4 \times 10^{-6}$ ) Benzo(a)pyrene (ELCR = $1 \times 10^{-5}$ )

Note: ELCR = excess lifetime cancer risk, HQ = Hazard Quotient

## ECOLOGICAL RISK ASSESSMENT

The ecological BRA for the FDHTF evaluated the likelihood of harmful effects to ecological receptors from exposure to contaminants in soil. The receptors in the FDHTF food web that were evaluated include terrestrial plants, earthworms, meadow voles, short-tailed shrews, American robins, and red-tailed hawks. These receptors serve as assessment endpoints for the risk to plant and animal populations and ecosystems at FDHTF.

The evaluation of ecological risk was conducted according to relevant EPA headquarters, US EPA Region IV, SCDHEC, and Westinghouse Savannah River Company guidance. The assessment methods follow the EPA Framework for Ecological Risk Assessments (EPA, 1992b) and draft Ecological Risk Assessment Guidance for Superfund (EPA, 1994b).

Ecological Constituents of Potential Concern (COPCs) were identified from among constituents detected at FDHTF, and incomplete exposure pathways were eliminated. The risk from COPCs in FDHTF surface soil was evaluated only for those pathways resulting in ingestion of soil or those food items exposed directly or indirectly to soil. COPCs are those constituents whose maximum measured concentrations exceeded a toxicity screening value for ecological receptors and 2X the background mean concentration.

Based on field reconnaissance, the principal ecological communities at FDHTF were characterized as maintained grassy fields with scattered mature trees. Most receptors, exposure classes, and/or species evaluated in the ecological risk assessment were observed at the unit or potentially reside or forage there. No threatened, endangered and sensitive species are expected to be exposed to COPCs in surface soil at FDHTF.

Six assessment endpoints representing environmental values to be protected in accordance with two policy goals were evaluated at the FDHTF. The risks to the FDHTF populations and ecosystems were evaluated by estimating the risk to populations of the six indicator receptors [terrestrial vegetation, earthworms, meadow vole (proxy for herbivorous mammals), short-tailed shrew, American robin, and red-tailed hawk] according to ecological relevance, susceptibility, accessibility to prediction or measurement, and relevance to policy goals.

For the evaluation of risk to the FDHTF populations and ecosystems, decision rules are stated in terms of HQs. HQs compare estimates of exposure based on site measurements (e.g., RME concentrations of COPCs in the source media [surface and subsurface soil]) to measures of effect (e.g., test concentrations associated with levels of adverse effect on ecological receptors).

Measured concentrations of ecological COPCs in surface soil are used to estimate the RME concentrations and doses for ecological receptors. Published toxicity-benchmark data are used to derive COPC concentrations associated with levels of adverse effect on ecological receptors at the FDHTF.

HQs for current and future exposure of ecological receptors to COPCs in surface and subsurface soil were calculated and used to estimate risk. No HQs exceeded 1.0 in surface soil (0 - 0.3 m [0 - 1.0 ft]); therefore, there are no ecological risks for current conditions. The five metals (aluminum, cadmium, chromium, selenium, and vanadium) exceeding an HQ of 1.0 are the COPCs associated with future conditions at the FDHTF.

The weight-of-evidence analysis and evaluation of uncertainty for ecological COPCs with HQs exceeding 1.0 resulted in rejection of all five metals as sources of significant risk to ecological receptors at the exposure unit.

## UNCERTAINTY

The risk and hazard to the current worker, future on-unit industrial worker, and the future on-unit resident are summarized below. Preliminary COCs identified during the risk assessment are evaluated through an uncertainty analysis to determine final COCs. Remedial Goal Options (RGOs) are developed for the list of final COCs which become the basis of and the focus for remediation.

Under the current land use, no primary or secondary preliminary COCs were identified for the surface soil. Under future industrial land use, arsenic, beryllium, iron, vanadium, and benzo(a)pyrene were identified as secondary preliminary COCs for subsurface soils. Following the uncertainty analysis, no constituents were retained as final COCs and no RGOs were developed. Key uncertainties for each preliminary COC are summarized below.

#### Current Worker

The current worker is not at risk while working at this unit because the ELCR risk is below  $1 \times 10^{-6}$  and the HI is below 1.

#### Future Industrial Worker

Arsenic and beryllium were identified as secondary COCs for the future industrial worker for the 0 to 4-foot soil depth interval. Although arsenic and beryllium were identified as preliminary COCs following the risk assessment, there is uncertainty that the concentration terms used to calculate unit risk are more representative of background risk. Arsenic was detected 9 out of 10 times in unit subsurface soils with a concentration range of 1.2 to 7.3 mg/kg. Comparatively, arsenic was detected in background subsurface 10 out of 10 times with concentrations ranging from 0.82 to 6.9 mg/kg. The exposure point concentration for arsenic in unit subsurface soils is 6.0 mg/kg, while the background exposure point concentration is 5.32 mg/kg.

Beryllium in subsurface soils was detected 8 out of 10 times at the unit with concentrations ranging from 0.06 to 0.20 mg/kg, while beryllium was detected 10 out of 10 times in the background with a concentration range of 0.05 to 0.20 mg/kg. The exposure point concentration for beryllium in unit subsurface soils is 0.15 mg/kg, while the background exposure point concentration is 0.13 mg/kg.

The unit data and background data demonstrate that there is no difference between unit and background concentrations of arsenic and beryllium. The similar concentration terms further demonstrate that the risk for both the unit and background would not be significantly different. Therefore, neither arsenic nor beryllium were retained as a final COCs.

#### Future Residential Child/Adult

The residential scenario was evaluated separately for the 0 to 0.3 m (0 to 1 ft) and the 0 to 1.2 m (0 to 4 ft) soil intervals. Benzo(a)pyrene was identified as a secondary preliminary COC for both soil intervals. For subsurface soils (0 to 4 ft), arsenic, beryllium, iron, and vanadium were identified as secondary preliminary COCs. The uncertainty associated with each preliminary COC is discussed in further detail below.

#### Arsenic and Beryllium

As discussed for the future industrial worker, the unit data and background data demonstrate that there is no difference between unit and background concentrations of arsenic and beryllium. The similar concentration terms further demonstrate that the risk for both the unit and background for the future resident would not be significantly different. Therefore, neither

arsenic nor beryllium were retained as final COCs.

#### Iron

Iron is a naturally occurring element that is abundantly distributed in soils. Iron was detected in subsurface soils in both the unit and background samples 10 out of 10 times. Concentrations of iron in unit subsurface soils ranged from 1480 mg/kg to 44,000 mg/kg and 1700 mg/kg to 22,700 mg/kg in background subsurface soils (Tables 10 and 11). The maximum detected value for both the unit and background subsurface soils was used for the exposure point concentration. Similarly, exposure to iron in both the unit and background subsurface soils would result in the designation of iron as a secondary COC. The designation of iron as a secondary COC is based on the use of a provisional toxicity value for iron, which is extremely conservative. The USFDA daily value for iron is 18 mg/day which corresponds to a recommended daily dose of 0.26 mg/kg/day. In order to ingest this amount of iron from soil, the concentration of iron would have to be on the order of 180,000 mg/kg. The exposure point concentration for subsurface soil for the unit (44,000 mg/kg) and background (22,700 mg/kg) are both more than an order of magnitude lower than 180,000 mg/kg, indicating that iron in the soil is very unlikely to be of concern at the FDHTF. Therefore, iron was not retained as a final COC.

**Table 10. Summary Statistics for Soil Background Concentrations from 0 to 1 ft in the FDHTF**

Analyte (Units)	Proportion Detected	Minimum Detection Limit	Maximum Detection Limit	Minimum Detect	Average Result	Maximum Detect	Dist. Type	95% UCL	Exposure Concentration
Total Metals and Cyanide (mg(kg)									
Aluminum	5/ 5	11	21.9	1410	6300	9900	N	9520	9520
Antimony	3/ 5	3.04	4.12	0.442	1.11	0.798	D	1.71	0.798
Arsenic	5/ 5	12	13.1	0.821	3.26	6.9	L	22.8	6.9
Barium	5/ 5	1.19	1.29	5.1	12.9	26.6	L	35.3	26.6
Beryllium	5/ 5	0.325	0.461	0.0529	0.103	0.204	L	0.252	0.204
Cadmium	5/ 5	0.419	0.47	0.0737	0.27	0.444	N	0.398	0.398
Calcium	5/ 5	14	19.8	63.6	155	219	N	215	215
Chromium	5/ 5	0.838	1.06	2.7	14.2	27	L	158	27
Cobalt	4/ 5	0.866	1.04	0.244	0.44	0.749	D	0.672	0.672
Copper	5/ 5	0.734	1.18	1	11.2	30.7	L	2090	30.7
Cyanide	3/ 5	0.83	0.9	0.11	0.268	0.223	D	0.414	0.223
Iron	5/ 5	23.7	25.8	1700	11200	22700	N	19400	19400
Lead	5/ 5	6.39	6.94	3.6	7.68	14.6	L	19	14.6
Magnesium	5/ 5	9.42	10.2	23.2	78.7	144	N	121	121
Manganese	5/ 5	0.217	0.235	7.5	21.7	47.9	L	75.5	47.9
Mercury	4/ 5	0.146	0.158	0.02	0.0502	0.094	D	0.0817	0.0817
Nickel	5/ 5	1.84	2.07	0.708	1.94	2.9	N	2.8	2.8
Potassium	5/ 5	72.6	78.8	32.3	71	118	L	150	118
Sodium	3/ 5	140	152	12.8	50.3	79	D	82.7	79
Vanadium	5/ 5	0.758	0.823	4.3	30.4	59.3	L	938	59.3
Zinc	5/ 5	17.4	18.9	1.5	6.28	13.4	L	44.8	13.4

\* Average result includes all results with nondetects set to one half the sample quantification limit except for radionuclides which were included at the full reported value

Population Distribution Codes:

- D Fewer than 5 or 50% detects. Treated as normal
- L Log-normal distribution
- N Normal distribution
- Z Population includes zero or negative results, treated as normal
- X Significantly different from normal and log-normal. Use arithmetic mean and t-distribution for 95% UCL
- N/A Statistics not calculated because less than 2 samples

**Table 11. Summary Statistics for Soil Background Concentrations from 0 to 4 ft in the FDHTF**

Analyte (Units)	Proportion Detected	Minimum Detection Limit	Maximum Detection Limit	Minimum Detect	Average Result	Maximum Detect	Dist. Type	95% UCL	Exposure Concentration
Total Metals and Cyanide (mg(kg)									
Aluminum	10/ 10	11	21.9	1410	5890	9900	N	7630	7630
Antimony	5/ 10	2.82	4.12	0.442	1.15	0.798	N	1.52	0.798
Arsenic	10/ 10	11.1	13.1	0.821	2.87	6.9	L	5.32	5.32
Barium	10/ 10	1.1	1.29	5.1	13.3	26.6	L	20.4	20.4
Beryllium	10/ 10	0.299	0.461	0.0529	0.0972	0.204	L	0.133	0.133
Cadmium	9/ 10	0.39	0.47	0.0737	0.284	0.662	L	0.605	0.605
Calcium	10/ 10	13	19.8	50.4	152	219	N	185	185
Chromium	10/ 10	0.779	1.06	2.7	12.5	27	L	25.7	25.7
Cobalt	9/ 10	0.797	1.04	0.221	0.456	0.756	N	0.576	0.576
Copper	10/ 10	0.682	1.18	1	6.95	30.7	L	24.2	24.2
Cyanide	5/ 10	0.8	0.9	0.11	0.304	0.289	X	0.383	0.289
Iron	10/ 10	21.8	25.8	1700	10500	22700	L	25100	22700
Lead	10/ 10	5.88	6.94	2.8	6.04	14.6	L	8.51	8.51
Magnesium	10/ 10	8.67	10.2	23.2	79.4	144	N	101	101
Manganese	10/ 10	0.199	0.235	2.6	19.7	47.9	L	49.7	47.9
Mercury	9/ 10	0.14	0.158	0.02	0.0448	0.094	L	0.0681	0.0681
Nickel	10/ 10	1.69	2.07	0.708	1.66	2.9	L	2.37	2.37
Potassium	10/ 10	66.7	78.8	32.3	6.91	118	L	99.3	99.3
Selenium	1/ 10	10.4	12.2	0.489	5.23	0.489	D	6.21	0.489
Sodium	7/ 10	129	152	12.8	41.9	79	X	59.3	59.3
Vanadium	10/ 10	0.697	0.823	4.3	27.2	59.3	L	67.1	59.3
Zinc	9/ 10	16	18.9	1.4	4.87	13.4	L	10.2	10.2

\* Average result includes all results with nondetects set to one half the sample quantification limit except for radionuclides which were included at the full reported value.

Population Distribution Codes:

- D Fewer than 5 or 50% detects. Treated as normal
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- Z Population includes zero or negative results, treated as normal
- X Significantly different from normal and log-normal. Use arithmetic mean and t-distribution for 95% UCL

## Vanadium

Vanadium is a naturally occurring metal which is abundant in soils at SRS. Vanadium was detected in subsurface soils in both the unit and background samples 10 out of 10 times. Concentrations of vanadium ranged from 3.6 mg/kg to 84.6 mg/kg in unit soils and 4.3 mg/kg to 59.3 mg/kg in background soils (Tables 10 and 11). The exposure point concentration for vanadium in subsurface soils for the unit and background is 84.6 mg/kg and 59.3 mg/kg, respectively. Vanadium was only considered a secondary COC because it slightly exceeds an HQ of 0.1 in unit soils. The HQ for ingestion of vanadium in unit soils is 0.16, while the HQ for ingestion of vanadium in background soils is 0.11. Based on the frequency of detection in both the unit and background soils, and the similar concentration ranges and hazard quotients, it is highly unlikely that vanadium is unit related and should be of concern at the FDHTF. Therefore, vanadium was not retained as a final COC.

## Benzo(a)pyrene

Although benzo(a)pyrene was retained as a secondary preliminary COC for both surface (0-1') and subsurface soils (0-4'), it was only detected once in surface soils. Because of the single detection of benzo(a)pyrene, heterogeneous distribution and limited data should be considered. The FDHTF is a small area approximately 20 by 40 feet in size. According to site records, contaminated soils were removed from the facility in 1982 and 1984, thereby removing the primary source of contamination. A total of five borings were drilled within the boundaries of the unit which provided a sufficient number of samples for the small area of concern to characterize the unit and adequately define the risk to human health and the environment. Benzo(a)pyrene was detected in 1 out of 5 surface soil samples, 1 out of 10 subsurface soil samples, and 1 out of 25 all-depth samples. Because the exposure point concentration is the single observed value, the risk of  $3 \times 10^{-6}$  for the unlikely residential land use is based on the maximum detected concentration value. It is highly unlikely that benzo(a)pyrene should be of concern for the FDHTF because potential hot spots were addressed by representative sampling and because of the low (<5%) frequency of detection. Therefore, benzo(a)pyrene was not retained as a final COC.

## Other Uncertainties

Food chain exposures and risk were projected in the BRA by means of uptake (partitioning) models. Uncertainty is inherent in each step of the food chain uptake models. Such models are based on studies of plant and animal uptake of constituents into the receptor of interest and are thus reliant upon a set of conditions that were present in the study environment. Precipitation and other weather-related factors, the chemistry of the soil and water, and other factors that existed in the uptake study may or may not relate well to the conditions present at the waste unit. The uncertainties resulting from the use of food chain uptake models are likely to be considerable. Because of the assumptions and uncertainties associated with the food chain pathway, the risk from produce is only considered when inclusion of the produce risk would determine whether the constituent is a final COC following the uncertainty analysis. Because no final COCs were retained for the FDHTF, RGOs for risk from produce were not considered.

## Ecological Uncertainties

There are uncertainties in the parameters used to estimate exposure for the ecological risk evaluation, but reported values for receptors' ingestion rates, size and home range, soil-to-plant uptake factors, and soil-to-animal bioaccumulation factors are unlikely to be biased and should not severely or consistently over- or underestimate exposure. Exposure may be overestimated for some contaminants because the fraction available for absorption by animals may be overestimated. Extrapolation from studies involving laboratory doses to exposures at FDHTF is a major source of uncertainty in the estimate of risk to ecological receptors because the

availability of the contaminant under test conditions may be greater than it is to receptors living in field conditions.

## Conclusions

No human health primary or secondary preliminary COCs were identified under current land use assumptions. Secondary preliminary COCs were identified for the hypothetical industrial worker and on-unit resident. Due to the elimination of the preliminary human health COCs (arsenic, benzo(a)pyrene, beryllium, iron, and vanadium) through the uncertainty analysis process, no soil RGOs were developed for the FDHTF. No ecological RGOs were developed because there are no final ecological COCs.

## Site-Specific Considerations

Site-specific considerations, based on the conclusions of the BRA and RFI/RI, which suggest no potential for significant risk include:

- 1) FDHTF originally contained soil that may have been contaminated with flammable liquids. Stained soils were removed in an earlier removal action.
- 2) The levels of surface soil contamination recognized during characterization are generally very low. The contaminants present are generally within the background levels of soil in the area.
- 3) The groundwater monitoring program indicates that there has not been significant impact from the waste materials in the pits.
- 4) The BRA did not determine any COCs after the uncertainty analysis and, therefore, no RGOs were prepared.

## Remedial Action Objectives

Remedial action objectives specify unit-specific contaminants, media of concern, potential exposure pathways, and remediation goals. Remediation goals are developed based upon ARARs or risk-based concentrations. After the uncertainty analysis, the BRA determined that there are no unit-specific contaminants. Therefore, there are no remedial action objectives. No Action will be protective of human health and the environment.

## VII. THE SELECTED REMEDY

According to the EPA guidance document Guidance on Preparing Superfund Decision Documents (EPA, 1989), if there is no current or potential threat to human health or the environment and no action is warranted, the CERCLA 121 requirements are not triggered.

This means that there is no need to evaluate other alternatives or the no action alternative against the nine criteria specified under CERCLA.

Under the No Action alternative, no treatment will be performed, no institutional controls or engineering controls will be implemented, and no cost is associated with implementing the alternative. According to CERCLA regulations, Section 121, if no action is the preferred alternative, then no applicable or relevant and appropriate requirements are associated with the alternative.

Based on the FDHTF RCRA RFI/RI/BRA Report, the FDHTF poses no significant risk to human health

and the environment. Therefore, No Action has been selected as the remedial alternative which satisfies the CERCLA criteria. The No Action alternative is the final action for the FDHTF operable unit. This solution is meant to be permanent and effective in both the short and long term and is applicable to all media evaluated (soil, groundwater, etc.). The No Action Decision is the least cost option with no capital, operating, or monitoring costs, and is protective of human health and the environment.

This proposal is consistent with EPA guidance and is an effective use of risk management-principles. The Statement of Basis/Proposed Plan provided for involvement with the community through a document review process and a public comment period.

The selected remedy is protective of human health and the environment and complies with Federal and State requirements that are legally applicable or relevant and appropriate to the remedial action. There is no irreversible and irretrievable loss of resources at the FDHTF.

#### **VIII. EXPLANATION OF SIGNIFICANT CHANGES**

The SB/PP and draft permit modification provided for involvement with the community through a document review process and a public comment period. There were no significant changes made to either the RCRA permit modification or the Record of Decision based on comments received during the public comment period. Comments that were received during the 45-day public comment period are addressed in Appendix A of this ROD and are available with the final RCRA permit.

#### **IX. RESPONSIVENESS SUMMARY**

No comments were received from the public during the public comment period. Therefore, a Responsiveness Summary is not included in Appendix A.

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